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Morocco: Medi telecom misses results target

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Medi Telecom, the Moroccan mobile carrier, could not close 2001 with positive ebitda. Thus, contrary to expectations ebitda was negative in almost EUR 10mn. Losses also increased, surpassing the EUR 188mn registered in 2000. The reasons for such poor performance relate, to changes introduced by the telecomms regulator in terms of interconnection charges. The fact of being confronted with a substantial tariff increase, which was not passed onto customers, Medi will rationalise the value of investments for 2002. Contrary to 2001 when undertook EUR 237mn in programmed investments, the company intends to spend a little less, around EUR 200mm. The company currently has 1.1mn clients, more 60% than 2000, when it started operating. From all its customer base, 90% originate from the prepaid segment, whereas the remaining 10% come from contracts. In terms of Moroccan mobile sector, Medi accounts for 40% of the market share, and it owns 1,000 stations covering 80% of the population. \*

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ABSTRACT: Steam trap surveys are necessary for a proactive maintenance program. The justification of steam trap surveys to locate failed open and failed closed traps is not limited to steam costs. Factors that also need to be considered include the cost and availability of water; the cost of handling, pumping, and treating water; and the reduced production. A steam trap survey consists of a planned examination of a number of traps with the methodical cataloging of essential data pertaining to each. The data should include the type and size of trap, steam pressure at the trap inlet, temperature at inlet and outlet, and operating condition. Traps should be tagged and coded to identify their location and to facilitate record keeping and reporting. The best survey results are obtained with a combination of the various methods of checking traps: visual and aural observation and temperature measurements.

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ANALYSIS, OPTIMIZATION, AND MECHANISTIC MODELLING OF ELECTROCHEMICAL SURFACE GRINDING (ECG) PROCESS (GRINDING)

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Statement of the Problem. This study had a threefold specific purpose: the collection of qualitative data about community college basic skills students and classroom environment; analysis of data to determine if they supported or negated leading researchers' identification of students' characteristics and behaviors; and formulation of hypotheses for further research.

Procedure. During fall, 1981, a case study was conducted of an evening English Reading and Writing Basic Skills class. Qualitative research methods were used to conduct the study and the process consisted of three stages. During the entry stage, arrangements, for and actual entry into the field occurred. During the data gathering stage, the following ethnographic research techniques were used to collect the data: participant observation, taking field notes, interviewing, and examining records. During the closing stage, the data were organized, coded, analyzed, and interpreted. Hypotheses were formulated.

Findings. The research indicated that basic skills students in this class had the following characteristics. Students worked full-time and enrolled in school part-time to improve their English and their employment skills. They possessed poor study skills and experienced little previous academic success. They responded to group learning activities that involved them in discussion. They did not place a high priority on course completion and two-thirds of them dropped out for four basic reasons: class too hard, reasons related to job, illness and personal problems. This research supported the findings reported by other researchers.

The following hypotheses were formulated about basic skills students. (1) Students will be more successful in class and less prone to drop if they receive prior instruction in study skills and training in self-directed learning. (2) Students will be more successful in reaching their academic goals if they are in classrooms that immediately establish an accepting and supportive environment, that allow them to be involved in self-diagnosis of their learning needs, and that allow them to participate in planning their own learning activities. (3) Students will be more responsive to learning activities that involve them in group discussion and employ visual aids. (4) Students will place a higher priority on course completion if they are involved in making decisions about their own learning.

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MEXICO: ECONOMIC POLICY ANALYSIS, 1978-83: A MACROECONOMETRIC MODEL OF MEXICO AND CONTROL THEORY APPLICATIONS

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The purpose of this study is a double one: first, to develop an analytical framework for assessing present and future developments of the Mexican economy, and second, given a set of normally conflicting goals of economic growth, income distribution, price and balance of payments stability, to find an economic policy package that would meet those targets at a "minimum cost."

The first objective is met with the development of a macroeconomic model of the Mexican economy. It is a 360 equation, dynamic, simultaneous system, with feedbacks among real output, prices, financial, fiscal and foreign trade variables as the major building blocks for the rest of the model.

The second purpose is met with the application of optimal control theory to the macroeconomic model. Broadly defined the control problem can be defined in the following terms: (a) given an econometric model of the economy and (b) given an objective function which represents the targets and objectives of economic policy, the control problem is to find a set of values for some of the exogenous variables that will produce a path for a chosen subset of the endogenous variables as **close** as possible to some **preset** values.

There are at least three basic approaches which have been used to solve optimal control problems of the type used in this study. The solution method used is identical to the approach used by Robert Holbrook and similar to the approach used by Kenneth Garbade. It is a successive approximation method.

This study uses a quadratic asymmetric loss function with four targets and four instruments. In addition, in order to find realistic solutions, six constraints were imposed on the feasible solution paths for the instruments. Thus, from a formal point of view, the problem is specified with a loss function with ten "targets" (four targets proper and six constraints) and four policy instruments. The four targets are: the growth rate of real GDP, the annual rate of inflation, the wage income share and the ratio of the balance on current account of the BOP to GDP. The four policy variables are: government spending, the reserve requirement ratio on demand deposits, the money wage rate and the rate of exchange.

Using a baseline forecast for the 1978-83 period as a starting point, seven alternative simulations were performed. The targets and constraints on the instruments are the same for all seven simulations. Each simulation, however, has a different set of weights associated with the targets.

From the point of view of policy analysis, the results obtained seem to be conclusive enough both in terms of the usefulness of this technique for the control of large scale models and in the definition of economic policy guidelines. The nature of the economic system, the existence of interdependent and conflicting relationships among the various targets and implied interdependence among the policy instruments requires that economic policy should be consistent. That is, adjustments in one

policy instrument will affect all the targets simultaneously and the type of impact will depend on the nature of the policy package as a whole. Control theory does not only prove useful as a normative instrument in the area of economic policy, but also as an important additional tool in the area of economic forecasting. A priori assessment of the political environment can provide the economist with an adequate picture of the pressures that will be exercised on the policy makers and which will shape the priorities of economic policy.

The social-political-economic outlook of Mexico shows that the emphasis of economic policy will be on the improvement of social and living conditions, increased employment opportunities and better income distribution. The increased export potential has simultaneously done away with any significant pressures in the external sector. Thence, without any meaningful constraints on the **balance** of payments, the Mexican economy will find policy makers striving for high growth rates (8% or higher), high rates of growth in government spending and liberal wage policies. Finally, and for the same **reasons**, the efforts to keep the inflation rate under control will result in a virtually fixed exchange rate through the end of the forecasting period.

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IBM has made an internal announcement that its headquarters offices in the New York area will close for the 4 July week in 1991, as a cost-cutting measure. Some 18k staff of a total US workforce of 200k staff are affected. Offices which deal with the public will not close. The firm has also instructed its US employees to take vacation days owing to them, which they have previously been allowed to defer in favour of a lump sum on retirement. Staff will be restricted to 10 days deferred vacation. This will help the IBM balance sheet, since the firm will no longer need to keep a reserve to cover vacation costs.

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Mimio: electronic whiteboard substitute

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Presents a favorable review of the Mimio (\$499), a portable electronic

whiteboard solution from Virtual Ink (617). Explains that this is a simplified solution for capturing data from conventional whiteboards by retrofitting with a folding bar and using color-coded dry-erase marker sheaths and a pressure sensitive eraser. Explains that the position-sensing optics of the bar and the ultrasonic/infrared transmission of the market sheaths make it possible for the device to record pen strokes as images via serial or USB connection to a computer. Says it is easy to set up and works on whiteboards up to 4-by-8 feet in size. Notes that the cups may loosen from the board unexpectedly and the pens somet require a lot of pressure. Points out the inability to convert the handwriting to editable text. Concludes this is no more expensive and a lot more portable than integrated electronic whiteboards. Includes one photo and one product summary. (kgh)

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THE EFFECTIVENESS OF VISUAL FEEDBACK IN RETRAINING BALANCE FOLLOWING ACUTE STROKE

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The purpose of the present study was to compare the effectiveness of visual feedback of the position of the center of gravity (COG) to conventional physical therapy in improving functional performance and balance . The experimental treatment program included a series of activities using visual feedback. The Balance Master\$\rm\sp{TM}\$\$ computer system provided the subjects with online information about their center of gravity and weight distribution. The conventional program included exercises designed to encourage symmetrical stance, increased weight bearing on the affected side and dynamic weight shifting during the performance of functional tasks. The 2 groups and controls were compared on static and functional measures of balance, at baseline, post-training and one month following the cessation of training. The static measures of balance included postural sway with the eyes open and closed and habitual and instructed even weight distribution. The functional measures of balance included the Berg Balance Scale, gait velocity, and the Timed Up and Go. A one-way analysis of variance for repeated measures, with one between subject factor (group) and one within subject factor (time) was performed for each outcome measure. (Abstract shortened by UMI.)

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MAKING IT: A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF RESILIENCE AMONG SINGLE MOTHERS RAISING DAUGHTERS IN RISKY NEIGHBORHOODS

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Most prior research has identified only pitfalls for urban, low-income, African American, single mothers. This qualitative study focused on resilient single mothers and using semi-structured interviews allowed participants to define and describe their own experiences, both stresses and strategies for coping. Ten women who had been single mothers for at least two years were identified as resilient by school-based key informants and participated in two hour-long individual interviews. The risky neighborhoods in which these women live are urban neighborhoods characterized by poverty, violence, crime and drugs. A literature review and focus group were utilized to develop initial interview topics and coding formats. Interviews were taped and transcribed, and coded using an open- ended recursive template. Participants described a unique balance of both the stresses and resources existing in eight dimensions in their lives: self-attributes, role as parent, family, friends, male significant others, money, spirituality, and their neighborhood. Each participant had a balance based on a unique person-environment fit. Resilience or "making it" was found to involve both the attainment of goals and the constant process of reaching further. Participants were able to both appreciate their current status and were motivated to strive for more. The findings reported present a more heterogeneous and emic picture of urban, low-income, African-American, single mothers, shed light on the processes of resilience, and also have implications for the design and implementation of intervention to support further successes among other women in similar situations.

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THE NATURE OF MOTOR-CONTROL STRATEGIES UNDERLYING THE LEARNING OF A KICKING TASK (MOTOR CONTROL)

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The present study attempted to determine if acquisition of a complex movement produces changes compatible with either of two major theories of motor control; motor equivalence or motor programming. This was done by examining the changes in kinematics, kinetics (i.e., net muscle moments), and muscle activation patterns, as reflected by EMGs, that occurred as a tri-articular kicking movement was learned. Four male subjects performed 15 blocks, with 16 trials per block, of a tri-articular kicking movement, with a 1.67 kg weight strapped to their foot. A four-minute rest was given after each block of trials to minimize fatique. Subjects were instructed to perform all movements as close as possible to a goal movement time of 400 ms, while maintaining spatial accuracy. An optoelectric imaging system was used to record movement kinematics for the hip, knee, ankle, and toe of the kicking leg. Using inverse dynamics, net-muscle-moment profiles were obtained for each of the hip, knee, and ankle joints. Mechanical power analyses were also performed. Surface EMG data were collected, and then processed to obtain linear envelopes, for the following muscles: tibialis anterior, lateral gastrocnemius, soleus, vastus lateralis, rectus femoris, semitendinosus, and gluteus maximus.

Temporal accuracy of movement production increased over trial blocks, demonstrating that learning had taken place. With learning, end-effector-path distance decreased, and so did moment variability. In contrast, kinematic variability was small for all blocks and, therefore, did not change as a function of learning, nor did the end-effector path become smoother with learning as evidenced by a jerk-cost analysis. Ankle-power profiles changed with learning due to moment profiles migrating towards specific motor-pattern trajectories; however, this was less apparent at the knee and hip joints. Inter-joint coordination as measured by cross-correlations at the level of net muscle moments increased. Muscular cocontraction was present both early and late in learning and did not appear to decrease with learning. EMG variability decreased with learning, for only two of the seven muscles monitored. Since subjects learned to produce relatively stereotypic motor patterns, these data appear to support motor-programming theory at the level of net muscle moments; however, at the level of neural commands, as represented by muscle activation patterns, motor-programming appears to be unsupported. Motor equivalence, presumably, would have predicted that kinematic and net-muscle-moment variance would be independent of learning, and that the movement goal would be achieved in a variety of fashions. Suggestions are made as to how a motor program could emerge or be constructed during movement acquisition.

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THE BALANCE OF AGENCY AND COMMUNION: ADJUSTMENT AND ADAPTATION IN SINGLE PARENTS

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Following Bakan's (1966) argument that agency (mastery and competence), unmitigated by communion (connected relationships), results in illness, this study examined the implications for the individual of a balanced presence of agency and communion. Agency and communion were considered on two levels: in terms of individual, intra-psychic needs and as experienced in the daily enactment of social roles. It was expected that balanced needs (as an expression of psychological development and maturity) would be related to positive long-term adjustment, while balanced experiences (as a reflection of daily life) would be associated with positive short-term adjustment. Several moderator variables were also investigated: gender, individual differences in needs for agency and communion, and quality of agentic and communal experiences (direct and beneficial or indirect and less beneficial).

Analysis of data from a sample of 99 recently separated custodial mothers revealed that those mothers who expressed, over time, balanced needs (measured from TATs) for agency and communion scored highest in ego development (measured by the Washington University Sentence Completion Test). Equally, mothers with balanced experiences of agency and communion (coded from open-ended interview responses) scored lowest on a modified version of Gurin, Veroff, & Feld's (1960) stress symptoms measure. Both balanced experience of the indirect forms of agency and communion, and individual differences in expressed needs, moderated this relationship. Analysis of a much smaller, more heterogeneous sample of separated fathers

produced no significant results.

Levels and quality of experience of agency and communion were also assessed for men and women in various role relationships. Some roles were found to foster one form of experience over another or tend toward a particular quality of agentic or communal expression. Some differences were also found between men and women in the experience of particular roles.

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INSIDE A COMMUNITY COLLEGE BASIC SKILLS CLASS: A CASE STUDY (STUDY, DROP OUTS, ADULT LEARNERS)

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Statement of the Problem. This study had a threefold specific purpose: the collection of qualitative data about community college basic skills students and classroom environment; analysis of data to determine if they supported or negated leading researchers' identification of students' characteristics and behaviors; and formulation of hypotheses for further research.

Procedure. During fall, 1981, a case study was conducted of an evening English Reading and Writing Basic Skills class. Qualitative research methods were used to conduct the study and the process consisted of three stages. During the entry stage, arrangements, for and actual entry into the field occurred. During the data gathering stage, the following ethnographic research techniques were used to collect the data: participant observation, taking field notes, interviewing, and examining records . During the closing stage, the data were organized, coded , analyzed, and interpreted. Hypotheses were formulated.

Findings. The research indicated that basic skills students in this class had the following characteristics. Students worked full-time and enrolled in school part-time to improve their English and their employment skills. They possessed poor study skills and experienced little previous academic success. They responded to group learning activities that involved them in discussion. They did not place a high priority on course completion and two-thirds of them dropped out for four basic reasons: class too hard, reasons related to job, illness and personal problems. This research supported the findings reported by other researchers.

The following hypotheses were formulated about basic skills students. (1) Students will be more successful in class and less prone to drop if they receive prior instruction in study skills and training in self-directed learning. (2) Students will be more successful in reaching their academic goals if they are in classrooms that immediately establish an accepting and supportive environment, that allow them to be involved in self-diagnosis of their learning needs, and that allow them to participate in planning their own learning activities. (3) Students will be more responsive to learning activities that involve them in group discussion and employ visual aids. (4) Students will place a higher priority on course completion if they are involved in making decisions about their own learning.

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PSEUDORECURSIVE VARIETIES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR WORD PROBLEMS

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A set of universal equations (identities) using operation symbols appropriate to a fixed finitary similarity type is called an equational theory if it is closed under consequence. The class of algebras that are models for all the sentences in the theory is called a variety. Such a theory is always considered countable since only countably many variables are required. It may be recursive (or "decidable"), as in the case of the variety of all commutative semigroups, or nonrecursive ("undecidable"), as in the case of relation algebras. An intermediate position would be held by the pseudorecursive variety, whose theory is nonrecursive, but for every n set of equations in the theory with n variables is recursive. Informal reasoning suggests any variety with the later property is decidable, but pseudorecursive varieties are shown here to exist in abundance, even with strict logical and algebraic limitations. Their existence urges that language be used precisely, but also raises questions on the usual identification of decidability with recursiveness.

The first goal is to construct finitely axiomatizable pseudorecursive equational theories. The major tool is a Turing machine that records its own behavior and periodically reviews this history for accuracy. The machine's action is coded so closely in a theory of square-zero semigroups, that the n-variable parts correspond to bounded machine action and are thus recursive, but the entire theory matches the machine's unfettered operation, chosen to be nonrecursive.

In the language of recursive functions, one would say that the n-variable parts of a pseudorecursive theory are recursive, but not uniformly in the number of variables. Similar issues arise with word problems: for a fixed quasi-variety determined by conditional equations, one can ask whether the word problems for its finitely presented algebras are uniformly solvable in the number of generators, or of defining relations, or of both. The methods above extend to give examples of the independence of these types of uniformity. Also constructed is a finitely presented square-zero semigroup with unsolvable word problem, but its local word problem obtained by fixing one of the two words is recursive for every word fixed.

Inspired by ambiguities in the literature, these results spotlight areas where formal logic must be honored (even in informal mathematics) and one must proceed in a technically exact fashion.

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APPLE NOSES AND POPSICLE TOESES: A DEVELOPMENTAL INVESTIGATION OF METAPHORICAL COMPREHENSION

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Numerous language scholars have argued that most of the current language comprehension series are incomplete and inadequate because they do not seem to be able to account for how non-literal language is understood. These scholars have called for a comprehensive theory of language processing that can account for both literal and non-literal meaning. Accordingly, this study attempted to make a contribution to the construction of a comprehensive theory of language processing by identifying significant differences in adult's and children's metaphorical comprehension abilities. Metaphorical comprehension was chosen because it is unique and different from other forms of non-literal language in that the literal meanings of the words are necessary but not sufficient for understanding a metaphor. A developmental theory of metaphorical comprehension and five hypotheses were generated. Two hundred and forty six subjects from 3 to 31-years-old were given a 16-item metaphorical comprehension test. The test metaphors varied in difficulty and were presented in a story context. After hearing or reading the story, subjects ?" Their open- ended were asked, "What does it mean to say responses were coded either: no comprehension, literal, perceptually based, conceptually based, or perceptually-conceptually based metaphorical comprehension based on the type of grounds indicated. The hypotheses were generally supported: the 5-year-olds comprehended the easy metaphors providing perceptually based similarities; the 6-8-year-olds comprehended the easy and some moderate metaphors providing primarily perceptually based grounds; the 9-11-year-olds comprehended the easy, moderate, and some difficult metaphors providing perceptually and some conceptually based grounds; and the 12 years plus subjects comprehended easy, moderate, and difficult metaphors providing some perceptually and more conceptually based grounds. The results were discussed in terms of the types of intersecting categories.

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Wall Street Journal Europe (WSJ) 11 May 1991 p3

IBM has made an internal announcement that its headquarters offices in the New York area will close for the 4 July week in 1991, as a cost-cutting measure. Some 18k staff of a total US workforce of 200k staff are affected. Offices which deal with the public will not close. The firm has also instructed its US employees to take vacation days owing to them, which they have previously been allowed to defer in favour of a lump sum on retirement. Staff will be restricted to 10 days deferred vacation. This will help the IBM balance sheet, since the firm will no longer need to keep a reserve to cover vacation costs.

PRODUCT: Mainframe Computers (3573MF); Microcomputers (3573MI);
Minicomputers (3573MN);
EVENT: COMPANIES ACTIVITIES (10);
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7144778 INSPEC Abstract Number: B2002-02-6135C-048, C2002-02-5260B-159
Title: Closed loop optimization of image coding using subjective error criteria

Author(s): Etoh, M.; Kobayashi, M.; Adachi, S.

Author Affiliation: Multimedia Labs., NTT DoCoMo Inc., Kanagawa, Japan Conference Title: 2001 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing. Proceedings (Cat. No.01CH37221) Part vol.3 p.1717-20 vol.3

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Publication Date: 2001 Country of Publication: USA 6 vol. xci+2688 pp.

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Conference Date: 7-11 May 2001 Conference Location: Salt Lake City, UT, USA

Medium: Also available on CD-ROM in PDF format

Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA)

Treatment: Theoretical (T); Experimental (X)

Abstract: This paper proposes a closed-loop optimization framework to improve image coding efficiency by searching DCT coefficients at the equivalent subjective quality to the original coding result. The proposed framework shares a basic idea currently adopted in speech coding that searches optimal codes in a closed -loop operation, evaluating the coded signal with perceptually weighted mean square error. To evaluate the perceptual quality in image coding, we introduce the masked PSNR that accounts for the masking effects, by which we apply the stepwise removal of subjectively negligible DCT coefficients. The result justifies the effectiveness of the proposed framework. (12 Refs)

Subfile: B C

Descriptors: closed loop systems; data compression; discrete cosine transforms; image coding; mean square error methods; optimisation; transform coding

Identifiers: closed loop optimization; image coding; subjective error criteria; DCT coefficients; subjective quality; speech coding; optimal codes; coded signal; perceptually weighted mean square error; perceptual quality; masked PSNR; masking effects

Class Codes: B6135C (Image and video coding); B0290X (Integral transforms in numerical analysis); B0290F (Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis)); B0260 (Optimisation techniques); C5260B (Computer vision and image processing techniques); C4188 (Integral transforms in numerical analysis); C4130 (Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis)); C1180 (Optimisation techniques)
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6794346 INSPEC Abstract Number: B2001-02-6120B-045

Title: Soft output Viterbi algorithm (SOVA) for non-binary turbo codes Author(s): Jun Tan; Stuber, G.L.

Author Affiliation: Dept. of Electr. & Comput. Eng., Georgia Inst. of Technol., Atlanta, GA, USA

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Publisher: IEEE, Piscataway, NJ, USA

Publication Date: 2000 Country of Publication: USA xxix+509 pp.

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Conference Title: 2000 IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory Conference Sponsor: Inf. Theory Soc

Conference Date: 25-30 June 2000 Conference Location: Sorrento, Italy Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: An optimal MAP-equivalent SOVA decoding algorithm and its

simplified suboptimal algorithm for non-binary codes are proposed. The implementation of its suboptimal algorithm is simpler, while its performance is very close to the optimal Log -MAP algorithm. The proposed SOVA can be used as a decoder for turbo trellis coded modulation (TTCM). It is concluded that the proposed SOVA performs very close to the Log -MAP algorithm for both the TTCM and binary turbo codes, and its performance is better than the conventional SOVA. (4 Refs) Subfile: B

Descriptors: iterative decoding; trellis coded modulation; turbo codes; Viterbi decoding

Identifiers: soft output Viterbi algorithm; nonbinary turbo codes; MAP-equivalent SOVA decoding algorithm; optimal algorithm; suboptimal algorithm; turbo trellis coded modulation; Log-MAP algorithm; binary turbo codes

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6681079 INSPEC Abstract Number: C2000-10-1290P-002

Title: The nature and processing of errors in interactive behavior

Author(s): Gray, W.D.

Author Affiliation: George Mason Univ., Fairfax, VA, USA Journal: Cognitive Science vol.24, no.2 p.205-48

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Publication Date: April-June 2000 Country of Publication: USA

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Material Identity Number: K910-2000-003

Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Bibliography (B); Theoretical (T); Experimental (X)

Abstract: Understanding the nature of errors in a simple, rule-based task-programming a VCR-required analyzing the interactions among human cognition, the artifact, and the task. This analysis was guided by least-effort principles and yielded a control structure that combined a rule hierarchy task-to-device with display-based difference-reduction. A model based on this analysis was used to trace action protocols collected from participants as they programmed a simulated VCR. Trials that ended without success were interrogated to yield insights regarding problems in acquiring the control structure. For successful trials, steps that the model would make were categorized as matches to the model; steps that the model would not make were violations of the model. The model was able to the vast majority of correct keystrokes and yielded a business-as-usual account of the detection and correction of errors. Violations of the model fell into one of two fundamental categories. The model provided insights into certain subcategories of errors; whereas, regularities within other subcategories of error suggested limitations to the model. Although errors were rare when compared to the total number of correct actions, they were important. Errors were made on 4% of the keypresses that, if not detected, would have prevented two-thirds of the shows from being successfully recorded. A misprogrammed show is a minor annoyance to the user. However, devices with the approximate complexity of a VCR are ubiquitous and have found their way into emergency rooms, airplane cockpits, power plants, and so on. Errors of ignorance may be reduced by training; however, errors in the routine performance of skilled users can only be reduced by design. (55 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: man-machine systems; psychology

Identifiers: interactive behavior; simple rule-based task; VCR programming; least-effort principles; display-based difference-reduction; action protocols; correct keystrokes; emergency rooms; airplane cockpits; power plants; errors of ignorance; routine performance; skilled users Class Codes: C1290P (Systems theory applications in social science and

Copyright 2000, IEE 16/5/14 (Item 4 from file: 2) DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC (c) 2003 Institution of Electrical Engineers. All rts. reserv. INSPEC Abstract Number: C2000-07-6110L-002 6600902 Title: An abductive event calculus planner Author(s): Shanahan, M. Author Affiliation: Dept. of Electr. & Electron. Eng., Imperial Coll. of Sci., Technol. & Med., London, UK Journal: Journal of Logic Programming vol.44, no.1-3 p.207-39 Publisher: Elsevier, Publication Date: July-Aug. 2000 Country of Publication: USA CODEN: JLPRE2 ISSN: 0743-1066 SICI: 0743-1066 (200007/08) 44:1/3L.207:AECP;1-I Material Identity Number: H699-2000-005 U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0743-1066/2000/\$20.00 Document Number: S0743-1066(99)00077-1 Document Type: Journal Paper (JP) Language: English Treatment: Practical (P); Theoretical (T) Abstract: Previously, C. Green (1969) presented his seminal description of planning as theorem proving with the situation calculus. The most pleasing feature of Green's account was the negligible gap between high-level logical specification and practical implementation. The paper attempts to reinstate the ideal of planning via theorem proving in a modern guise. In particular, the paper shows that if we adopt the event calculus as our logical formalism and employ abductive logic programming as our theorem proving technique, then the computation performed, closely mirrors that of a hand- coded partial-order planning algorithm. Soundness and completeness results for this logic programming implementation are given. Finally the paper shows that if we extend the event calculus in a natural way to accommodate compound actions, then using the same abductive theorem proving techniques we can obtain a hierarchical planner. (28 Refs) Subfile: C Descriptors: inference mechanisms; logic programming; planning (artificial intelligence); temporal logic; theorem proving Identifiers: abductive event calculus planner; situation calculus; high-level logical specification; practical implementation; event calculus; logical formalism; abductive logic programming; hand-coded partial-order planning algorithm; completeness results; logic programming implementation; compound actions; abductive theorem proving techniques; hierarchical planner Class Codes: C6110L (Logic programming); C4210 (Formal logic); C4240L ( Logic programming theory); C6170K (Knowledge engineering techniques) Copyright 2000, IEE (Item 5 from file: 2) 16/5/15 DIALOG(R) File 2:INSPEC (c) 2003 Institution of Electrical Engineers. All rts. reserv. 6483312 INSPEC Abstract Number: A2000-05-8770J-002, B2000-03-7520E-001, C2000-03-3385C-001 Title: Controlling FES-assisted paraplegic standing-a case study Author(s): Wood, D.E.; Dunkerley, A.L. Author Affiliation: Dept. of Med. Phys. & Biomed. Eng., Salisbury District Hosp., UK Conference Title: Proceedings of the First Joint BMES/EMBS Conference. 1999 IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology 21st Annual Conference and the 1999 Annual Fall Meeting of the Biomedical Engineering Society (Cat.

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Abstract: A Monte Carlo simulation model for the random packing of unequal spherical particles is presented in this paper. With this model, the particle radii obeying a given distribution are generated and randomly placed within a cubic packing domain with high packing density and many overlaps. Then a relaxation iteration is applied to reduce or eliminate the overlaps, while the packing space is gradually expanded. The simulation is completed once the mean overlap value falls below a preset value. To simulate the random close packing, a "vibration" process is applied after the relaxation iteration. For log -normal distributed particles, the effect of particle size standard deviation, and for bidisperse particles, the effects of particle size ratio and the volume fraction of large particles on packing density and on coordination number are investigated. Simulation results show good agreement with that obtained by experiments and by other simulations. The randomness, homogeneity, and isotropy, which have not been evaluated before for packing of distributed particles, are also examined using statistical measures. (35 Refs)

Subfile: A

Descriptors: digital simulation; iterative methods; Monte Carlo methods; particle size; random processes

Identifiers: computer simulation; random packing; unequal particles; random packing model; Monte Carlo method; particle radii; cubic packing domain; packing density; overlaps; relaxation iteration; packing space; random close packing; vibration process; log-normal distributed particles; bidisperse particles; randomness; homogeneity; isotropy; statistical measures; distributed particles

Class Codes: A0540 (Fluctuation phenomena, random processes, and Brownian motion); A0250 (Probability theory, stochastic processes, and statistics); A6185 (Modelling and computer simulation of solid structure) Copyright 2000, IEE

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5901487 INSPEC Abstract Number: B9806-0240Z-006, C9806-1140Z-007 Title: The greedy search algorithm on binary vectors

Author(s): Dor, A.

Author Affiliation: Negev Coll., Israel

Journal: Journal of Algorithms vol.27, no.1 p.42-60

Publisher: Academic Press,

Publication Date: April 1998 Country of Publication: USA

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Treatment: Practical (P); Theoretical (T)

Abstract: Consider the n-dimensional binary space with some (general) probability distribution. Suppose that a random vector is sampled from this space and it is initially unseen. A search algorithm on such a vector is a procedure inspecting one coordinate at a time in a predetermined order. It terminates when a 1-coordinate is found or when all the coordinates were tested and were found to be 0. A greedy search algorithm is one that goes at each stage to the next coordinate most likely to be 1, taking into account the findings of the previous examinations and the distribution. Its expectation is compared with that of an optimal search, which is a search that has a minimal expectation. (10 Refs)

Subfile: B C

Descriptors: probability; search problems

Identifiers: greedy search algorithm; binary vectors; n-dimensional binary space; probability distribution; random vector; optimal search Class Codes: B0240Z (Other topics in statistics); C1140Z (Other topics in

statistics); C1180 (Optimisation techniques); C1230 (Artificial

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 Title: Event calculus planning revisited
  Author(s): Shanahan, M.
  Author Affiliation: Dept. of Comput. Sci., Queen Mary & Westfield Coll.,
London, UK
  Conference Title: Recent Advances in AI Planning. 4th European Conference
on Planning, ECP'97 Proceedings
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  Editor(s): Steel, S.; Alami, R.
  Publisher: Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Germany
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  Abstract: In 1969 Cordell Green presented his seminal description of
planning as theorem proving with the situation calculus. The most pleasing
feature of Green's
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logical specification and practical implementation. This paper attempts to
reinstate the ideal of planning via theorem proving in a modern guise. In
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logical formalism and employ abductive logic programming as our theorem
proving technique, then the computation performed mirrors closely that of
a hand- coded partial order planning algorithm. Furthermore, if we extend
the event calculus in a natural way to accommodate compound actions, then
using exactly the same abductive theorem prover we obtain a hierarchical planner. All this is a striking vindication of Kowalski's (1979) slogan
"Algorithm=logic+control".
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  Subfile: C
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(artificial intelligence); theorem proving
  Identifiers: event calculus planning; theorem proving; logical
specification; logical formalism; abductive logic programming
  Class Codes: C6110L (Logic programming); C4210 (Formal logic); C1230 (
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          INSPEC Abstract Number: B9706-6420D-001
 Title: BS Wide-CTV receiver with simple channel preset C-2825
  Author(s): Miyamoto, T.; Ogawa, K.; Noguchi, T.; Suzuki, K.; Yokozawa, M.
; Sunagare, H.
  Author Affiliation: NEC Home Electron. Ltd., Japan
  Journal: NEC Technical Journal
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  Publisher: NEC,
  Publication Date: Feb. 1997 Country of Publication: Japan
  CODEN: NECGEZ ISSN: 0285-4139
  SICI: 0285-4139(199702)50:2L.20:WRWS;1-R
  Material Identity Number: H719-97006
  Language: Japanese
                      Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)
  Treatment: Practical (P); Product Review (R)
  Abstract: NEC has developed the 28" Wide-CTV receiver (model: C-28ZS)
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with a BS tuner and plug-in type ghost reduction unit. The receiver attaches great importance to the balance of its functions, performance and price, centering on easy operation ("the simple channel preset "/, "the simple picture control"), high-quality picture ("the pure black "dynamic gamma correction") and clean ("antibacterial remote control hand-held unit"). (0 Refs) Subfile: B Descriptors: direct broadcasting by satellite; television receivers; Identifiers: BS Wide-CTV receiver; C-2825 channel preset; BS tuner; plug-in type ghost reduction unit; performance; price; picture control; high-quality picture; pure black CRT; dynamic gamma correction; antibacterial remote control hand-held unit; 28 inch Class Codes: B6420D (Radio and television receivers) Numerical Indexing: size 7.1E-01 m Copyright 1997, IEE (Item 10 from file: 2) 16/5/20 DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC (c) 2003 Institution of Electrical Engineers. All rts. reserv. INSPEC Abstract Number: C9301-4260-032 Title: Dynamic closest pairs-a probabilistic approach Author(s): Golin, M.J. Author Affiliation: INRIA Rocquencourt, Le Chesnay, France Conference Title: Algorithm Theory - SWAT '92. Third Scandinavian Workshop Proceedings p.340-51 Editor(s): Nurmi, O.; Ukkonen, E. Publisher: Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Germany Publication Date: 1992 Country of Publication: West Germany pp. ISBN: 3 540 55706 7 Conference Date: 8-10 July 1992 Conference Location: Helsinki, Finland Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA) Treatment: Theoretical (T) Abstract: The dynamic closest pair problem is to find the closest pair among a set of points that is continuously being changed by insertions and deletions. The author presents a simple, robust, easily coded heuristic for solving the planar closest pair problem. The author proves that this heuristic uses only O( log n) expected time to perform an insertion or deletion when the input points are chosen from a very wide class of distributions in the plane. (15 Refs) Subfile: C Descriptors: computational geometry Identifiers: probabilistic approach; dynamic closest pair problem; insertions; deletions; easily coded heuristic Class Codes: C4260 (Computational geometry) (Item 11 from file: 2) 16/5/21 DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC (c) 2003 Institution of Electrical Engineers. All rts. reserv. INSPEC Abstract Number: B91069907, C91068637 04011405 Title: Automatic frequency control in chemical etching of quartz crystal blanks Author(s): Sauerland, F.L. Author Affiliation: Transat Corp., Solon, OH, USA Conference Title: Proceedings of the 44th Annual Symposium on Frequency Control 1990 (Cat. No.90CH2818-3) p.246-50 Publisher: IEEE, New York, NY, USA Publication Date: 1990 Country of Publication: USA ix+640 pp.U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: CH2818-3/90/0000-0246\$01.00 Conference Sponsor: IEEE; U.S. Army Electron. Technol. & Devices Lab Conference Date: 23-25 May 1990 Conference Location: Baltimore, Conference Location: Baltimore, MD,

Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA)

Treatment: Applications (A); General, Review (G)

Abstract: A method and system for measuring the resonance frequency of piezoelectric resonators in conductive fluids are described. One of its applications is in the chemical etching of quartz crystal blanks, where it can be used to monitor and control either the etch rate of the etchant or the etching of blanks to a targeted thickness or frequency. The system is composed of a crystal etch monitor in conjunction with special electrodes that are designed to take account and advantage of the conductive nature of the etchant. It can etch a load of blanks or a monitor blank different from the etch load but immersed in the same etchant. When the blank reaches a predetermined target, an etch-termination signal is triggered that can be used to alert an operator or to initiate action for automatic etch termination. (4 Refs)

Subfile: B C B

Descriptors: automatic frequency control; crystal resonators; etching; frequency measurement; process control; quartz

Identifiers: AFC; automatic frequency control; resonant frequency monitoring; chemical etching; quartz crystal blanks; piezoelectric resonators; conductive fluids; etch rate; etching of blanks; targeted thickness; crystal etch monitor; special electrodes; etch-termination signal; automatic etch termination; SiO/sub 2/ crystal resonators

Class Codes: B2860 (Piezoelectric and ferroelectric devices); B7310G (Frequency); C3110G (Frequency); C3355C (Machining processes and machine tools); B0170E (Production facilities and engineering)

Chemical Indexing:

SiO2 bin - O2 bin - Si bin - O bin (Elements - 2)

16/5/22 (Item 12 from file: 2)

DIALOG(R) File 2:INSPEC

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03982135 INSPEC Abstract Number: C91062071

Title: Type inference for record concatenation and multiple inheritance Author(s): Wand, M.

Author Affiliation: Coll. of Comput. Sci., Northeastern Univ., Boston, MA, USA

Journal: Information and Computation vol.93, no.1 p.1-15

Publication Date: July 1991 Country of Publication: USA

CODEN: INFCEC ISSN: 0890-5401

U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0890-5401/91/\$3.00 Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Practical (P)

Abstract: The author shows that the type inference problem for a lambda calculus with <code>records</code>, including a <code>record</code> concatenation operator, is decidable. It is shown that this calculus does not have principal types, but does have finite complete sets of types: that is, for any term M in the calculus, there exists an effectively generable finite set of type schemes such that every typing for M is an instance of one of the schemes in the set. It is shown how a simple model of object-oriented programming, including hidden instance variables and multiple inheritance, may be <code>coded</code> in this calculus. It is <code>concluded</code> that type inference is decidable for object-oriented programs, even with multiple inheritance and classes as first-class values. (18 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: decidability; inference mechanisms; object-oriented programming

Identifiers: type inference; record concatenation; multiple inheritance; lambda calculus; records; decidable; finite complete sets; object-oriented programming; hidden instance variables; multiple inheritance

Class Codes: C1230 (Artificial intelligence); C6110 (Systems analysis and programming); C4210 (Formal logic)

16/5/23 (Item 13 from file: 2)

DIALOG(R) File 2:INSPEC

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03403017 INSPEC Abstract Number: C89043440

Title: A load control mechanism for data-flow machines

Author(s): Takesue, M.

Author Affiliation: NTT Electr. Commun. Labs., Musashino, Japan Journal: Systems and Computers in Japan vol.19, no.10 p.55-69

Publication Date: Oct. 1988 Country of Publication: USA

CODEN: SCJAEP ISSN: 0882-1666

U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0882-1666/88/0010-0055\$7.50/0

Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: The data-flow computer is based essentially on parallel computation. Consequently, it is essential in the realization of such high-level management and control functions as resource management to control the parallelism and parallel expansion. In the first part of the paper, the state and the transition are defined for the process in the dataflow computer, and the method for detecting the number of active state processes N/sub a/ is discussed. Then a load control method is proposed whereby the processes are executed via the depth-first approach while maintaining N/sub a/ close to the predetermined threshold N/sub t/. The compatibility between the load control and the load balancing is discussed. (9 Refs)

Subfile: C

Descriptors: parallel machines; scheduling

Identifiers: register transfer level; breadth parallelism; load control mechanism; data-flow machines; data-flow computer; parallel computation; state; transition; active state processes; depth-first approach; load balancing

Class Codes: C6150J (Operating systems)

16/5/24 (Item 14 from file: 2)

DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC

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00699698 INSPEC Abstract Number: A74074796, B74040332

Title: Physics problems of thermonuclear reactors

Author(s): Ribe, F.L.

Author Affiliation: Univ. California, Los Alamos, NM, USA Journal: AIP Conference Proceedings no.19 p.337-56

Publication Date: 1974 Country of Publication: USA

CODEN: APCPCS ISSN: 0094-243X

Conference Title: Physics and the Energy Problem 1974

Conference Sponsor: AIP

Conference Date: 4-7 Feb. 1974 Conference Location: Chicago, IL, USA Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA); Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: General, Review (G)

Abstract: In thermonuclear reactors with plasma confinement approaching the ideal limit, the stability of burn (in toroidal systems) following ignition is determined by the balance between radiation and diffusion losses and alpha-particle energy transfer. Tokamak systems with injection regulation and stabilized steady-state burn conditions, theta-pinch unstable systems with programmed decompression quenching, and an openended magnetic mirror system with direct conversion for recovering end-loss plasma energy, are described. (11 Refs)

Subfile: A

Descriptors: fusion reactors; pinch effect; plasma confinement; Tokamak devices

Identifiers: thermonuclear reactors; plasma confinement; stability of burn; diffusion losses; Tokamak systems; injection regulation; programmed decompression quenching; direct conversion; radiation losses; alpha particle energy transfer; theta pinch unstable systems; open ended magnetic

mirror system; end loss plasma energy
 Class Codes: A2852 (Fusion reactors); A5255E (Pinch effect and pinch
machines)

16/5/25 (Item 15 from file: 2)

DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC

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00312999 INSPEC Abstract Number: C71022311

Title: Selector channel for a communications pre-processor

Author(s): Annuziata, E.J.; Bob, F., Jr.; Cudney, L.F.; Seeland, J.J., Jr.

Journal: IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin vol.14, no.1 p.212-13

Publication Date: June 1971 Country of Publication: USA

CODEN: IBMTAA ISSN: 0018-8689

Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Applications (A); Practical (P)

Abstract: The selector channel described has a programmed facility to permit an early termination of an I/O operation in the event that a Data Check (Bad Parity on Data) is encountered. Present IBM System/360 channels require that a channel maintain the data transfer operation to the end of the record before the 'Data Check' condition can be signalled. This selector channel also has a programmed inventory control device called Block Mode. Block Mode is program compatible with System/360 and has the unique ability to execute Data Chaining and Block Mode operations together under CCW count control.

Subfile: C

Descriptors: data communication equipment; program processors Identifiers: communication pre processor; communication processor; channel to channel adapter; selector channel; programmed facility; early termination of an I/O operation; data check; bad parity on data; IBM System/360 channels; data transfer operation; host processor; retry; channel command word; programmed inventory control device; Block Mode; program compatible; CCW count control

Class Codes: C5600 (Data communication equipment and techniques)

16/5/26 (Item 16 from file: 2)

DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC

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00224281 INSPEC Abstract Number: A71013617

Title: A timer and event accumulator for the FIM atom probe

Author(s): Johnson, C.A.

Author Affiliation: United States Steel Corp., Monroeville, PA, USA Journal: Review of Scientific Instruments vol.41, no.12 p.1812-16 Publication Date: Dec. 1970 Country of Publication: USA

CODEN: RSINAK ISSN: 0034-6748

Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Abstract: The field ion microscope atom probe makes possible the chemical identification of individual atoms field desorbed from a sharp metal tip by time of flight along a drift tube. An instrument to control the rate at which desorption pulses are applied and to record the resulting data is described. Rates of a few hundred pulses per second are readily achieved, and the instrument can be programmed to terminate either after a preset number of cycles or in response to the acquisition of the first piece of data. This latter mode of operation is particularly convenient for establishing the best field desorption conditions. Resolution of adjacent mass numbers depends on the time resolution of the instrument; the best time resolution achieved is 40 nsec, resulting in a mass resolution of about 1% for typical ion travel times.

Subfile: A

Descriptors: chemical analysis; field ion microscopy; probes

Class Codes: A8280 (Chemical analysis and related physical methods of analysis)

16/5/27 (Item 1 from file: 233)
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Mimio: electronic whiteboard substitute

Epler, Anita

PC World , May 1, 1999 , v17 n5 p85, 1 Page(s)

ISSN: 0737-8939

Company Name: Virtual Ink
URL: http://www.virtual-ink.com
Product Name: Virtual Ink Mimio

Languages: English

Document Type: Hardware Review Grade (of Product Reviewed): B

Hardware/Software Compatibility: IBM PC Compatible

Geographic Location: United States

Presents a favorable review of the Mimio (\$499), a portable electronic whiteboard solution from Virtual Ink (617). Explains that this is a simplified solution for capturing data from conventional whiteboards by retrofitting with a folding bar and using color-coded dry-erase marker sheaths and a pressure sensitive eraser. Explains that the position-sensing optics of the bar and the ultrasonic/infrared transmission of the market sheaths make it possible for the device to record pen strokes as images via serial or USB connection to a computer. Says it is easy to set up and works on whiteboards up to 4-by-8 feet in size. Notes that the cups may loosen from the board unexpectedly and the pens somet require a lot of pressure. Points out the inability to convert the handwriting to editable text. Concludes this is no more expensive and a lot more portable than integrated electronic whiteboards. Includes one photo and one product summary. (kgh)

Descriptors: Whiteboarding; Peripherals; Input/Output; Portable Identifiers: Virtual Ink Mimio; Virtual Ink

16/5/28 (Item 2 from file: 233)
DIALOG(R)File 233:Internet & Personal Comp. Abs.
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00418493 96JR03-001

The effects of content-structure focusing on learner structural knowledge acquisition, retention, and disorientation in a hypermedia...

Beasley, Robert E; Waugh, Michael L

Journal of Research on Computing in Education , March 1, 1996 , v28 n3 p271-281, 11 Page(s)

ISSN: 0888-6504 Languages: English

Document Type: Feature Articles and News

Geographic Location: United States

a study investigating the effects Describes of hypermedia learner's structural knowledge acquisition, content-structure on a retention, and disorientation. Says the results suggest that hypermedia disorientation decreases and structural knowledge acquisition and retention increase when a learner's attention is a least partially focused on the structural aspects of a hypermedia lesson. Adds that instructional designers and instructors sho strive for an appropriate balance between structural knowled detailed knowledge acquisition. Also says the learner could be instructed to pay close attention to the structure and to how the various concepts are related. Includes three charts and a reference list. (dpm)

Descriptors: Hypermedia; Research; Educational Computing

16/5/29 (Item 1 from file: 474)

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Newspaper JOURNAL CODE: NYT LANGUAGE: English

RECORD TYPE: Abstract

### ABSTRACT:

Resulting yellow cards for cauttions and red cards for ejections are reaching record levels in World Cup as referees have been instructed to call physical play more closely; graph (S)

SPECIAL FEATURES: Graph

DESCRIPTORS: SOCCER; WORLD CUP (SOCCER); OFFICIATING (SPORTS)

PERSONAL NAMES: YANNIS, ALEX

17/5/1 (Item 1 from file: 583)
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CIBC finally pulls the plug on U.S. electronic banking unit US: CIBC to close Amicus electronic banking operations Globe & Mail (CGM) 15 Nov 2002 Language: ENGLISH

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) announced that it is to shut down its Amicus electronic banking operations in the US, consisting of Amicus FSB and CIBC National Bank, resulting in the elimination of 1,100 jobs over several months, Termination fees have been paid to Safeway, as Amicus FSB services were provided through Safeway Select Bank at supermarkets, and Winn-Dixie Stores, whose supermarkets provided CIBC National Bank services under the brand Marketplace Bank. Client deposits with a balance exceeding US\$ 1,000 will be transferred to discount stock brokerage E-Trade Group. The closed operations had not been meeting financial expectations, CIBC explained.

COMPANY: CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE; CIBC; AMICUS; CIBC NATIONAL BANK; MARKETPLACE BANK; AMICUS FSB; WINN-DIXIE STORES; SAFEWAY; E-TRADE GROUP

EVENT: Plant/Facilities/Equipment (44); Labour Information (53); COUNTRY: Canada (2CAN); United States (1USA);

17/5/2 (Item 1 from file: 2)
DIALOG(R)File 2:INSPEC

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03491492 INSPEC Abstract Number: A89134253

Title: Ply cracking and property degradations of symmetric balanced laminates under general in-plane loading

Author(s): Han, Y.M.; Hahn, H.T.

Author Affiliation: Dept. of Eng. Sci. & Mech., Pennsylvania State Univ., University Park, PA, USA

Journal: Composites Science and Technology vol.35, no.4 p.377-97

Publication Date: 1989 Country of Publication: UK

CODEN: CSTCEH ISSN: 0266-3538

U.S. Copyright Clearance Center Code: 0266-3538/89/\$03.50 Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: The authors have previously proposed a method of using a resistance curve to characterize transverse crack multiplication in balanced symmetric laminates. The method was based on the concept of a through-the-thickness inherent flaw and energy balance principle. This model is further extended to shear and general in-plane loading conditions. The corresponding mechanical property degradations due to transverse ply cracking are also investigated. The effective longitudinal modulus and Poisson's ratio depend not only on the crack density but also on the thermal residual and applied stresses. The reason is that the cracks do close tightly even upon unloading due to the residual stress. Experimental results for the mechanical property degradations correlate well with the analysis except for the shear modulus. The nonlinear behavior of the shear modulus should be considered for better correlation. (23 Refs)

Subfile: A

Descriptors: crack-edge stress field analysis; fibre reinforced composites; laminates

Identifiers: fiber reinforced composites; symmetric balanced laminates; general in-plane loading; transverse ply cracking; Poisson's ratio; crack density; shear modulus

Class Codes: A4630N (Fracture mechanics, fatigue, and cracks); A6220M (Fatigue, brittleness, fracture, and cracks)

17/5/3 (Item 2 from file: 2)

DIALOG(R) File 2: INSPEC

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00583764 INSPEC Abstract Number: A73079340, B74000291

Title: Defect equilibria for extended point defects, with application to nonstoichiometric ceria

Author(s): Land, P.L.

Author Affiliation: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, USA

Journal: Journal of the Physics and Chemistry of Solids vol.34, no.11 p.1839-45

Publication Date: Nov. 1973 Country of Publication: UK

CODEN: JPCSAW ISSN: 0022-3697

Language: English Document Type: Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Experimental (X)

Abstract: The dependence of electronic conductivity and composition of ceria on oxygen pressure is described by equilibrium equations for a material containing oxygen vacancies, divacancies, cerium interstitials and polarons, where these defects are considered to include distorted zones of material. The analyses takes the extension of simple 'point defects' into proper account , whereas earlier analyses have not . It is concluded that available data can be explained by polarons in equilibrium with isolated oxygen vacancies, but not with divacancies or interstitial cerium ions. (17 Refs)

Subfile: A B

Descriptors: cerium compounds; electrical conductivity of solids; interstitials; oxygen; polarons; vacancies (crystal)

Identifiers: defect equilibria; extended point defects; nonstoichiometric ceria; equilibrium equations; polarons; O vacancy; Ce; CeO/sub 2/; O divacancy; electronic conductivity; composition

Class Codes: A6170B (Interstitials and vacancies); A7138 (Polarons and electron-phonon interactions); A7220F (Low-field transport and mobility; piezoresistance); A7280 (Conductivity of specific semiconductors and insulators); B2520E (Oxides and ferrites)

17/5/4 (Item 3 from file: 2)

DIALOG(R) File 2:INSPEC

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00566485 INSPEC Abstract Number: A73068244

Title: Defect structure of nonstoichiometric ceria above 700C. (Polarons in equilibrium with vacancies)

Author(s): Land, P.L.

Author Affiliation: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, USA

Journal: American Ceramic Society Bulletin vol.52, no.4 p.342

Publication Date: April 1973 Country of Publication: USA

CODEN: ACSBA7 ISSN: 0002-7812

Conference Title: 75th Annual Meeting and Exposition of the American Ceramic Society (Abstracts only)

Conference Sponsor: American Ceramic Soc.; et al

Conference Date: 29 April-3 May 1973 Conference Location: Cincinnati, OH, USA

Language: English Document Type: Conference Paper (PA); Journal Paper (JP)

Treatment: Theoretical (T)

Abstract: The dependence of electronic conductivity and composition of ceria on oxygen pressure is described by equilibrium equations for a material containing oxygen vacancies, divacancies, cerium interstitials and polarons where these defects are considered to include distorted zones of material. The analyses takes the extension of simple 'point defects' into proper account , whereas earlier analyses have not . It is concluded that available data can be explained by polarons in equilibrium with isolated oxygen vacancies, but not with divacancies or interstitial cerium

#### ions.

Subfile: A

Descriptors: cerium compounds; electrical conductivity of solids; interstitials; polarons; refractories; vacancies (crystal)

Identifiers: defect structure; nonstoichiometric ceria; electronic conductivity; composition; equilibrium equations; vacancies; divacancies; interstitials; polarons; distorted zones of material; point defects; CeO/sub 2/; above 700 degrees C; O/sub 2/ pressure dependence

Class Codes: A6170B (Interstitials and vacancies); A7138 (Polarons and electron-phonon interactions); A8120L (Ceramics and refractories); A8140 (Treatment of materials and its effects on microstructures and properties)